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PIONEER RANCHER IS DEAD

One of Alberta's rangeland pioneers, Ezekiel Stone Roberts, died in the Bassano Hospital on December 31st at the age of 81.

Born in New Brunswick in 1875, Stone Roberts went to Calgary in 1888 and to north of Edmonton in 1889. He returned to the High River district in 1890 where he was employed by the well known Bar U ranch and other ranches in the district until 1909 when he moved to the Bassano district. He ranched until 1943 when he retired and moved to the Town of Bassano. There he lived with his friend of many years, Roy Lane, who hails from another well known ranching family in Alberta.

Funeral services were conducted from St. Mary's Anglican Church, Bassano, by Rev. G.B. Hotchkis and interment was in the Bassano Cemetery, Smith Funeral Home being in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Augie Sauer, Walter Peake, Leo Walsh, Roy Lane, Andy Andrus and Bob Hale.

The only survivors are three nieces: Mrs. L. E. Reiman of Hanna, Mrs. R.A. Patterson of Nelson, B.C. and Mrs. J. Musk of Amulet, Sask.

BASSANO SKATING RINKS OPEN

The Bassano Skating Rink is now in condition for public skating. Hockey practices on Wednesday and Thursday evenings will occupy the hockey rink this week but the small rink will be for the use of skaters (particularly the children) at all times during regular skating hours.

A schedule of fees and times for public skating or hockey games and practices has been drawn up and will be displayed at the rink office. Fees for skating are as follows: Family season ticket, \$7.50; Single season ticket, \$2.50; daily ticket, 15¢. Regulations provide that no hockey stick or puck may be used on the ice at any time during public skating periods. Skating fees will come into effect next Monday, January 14th.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING OPENS

Classes opened in the new 10 room Bassano School on Monday after the Christmas holidays.

In addition to the 10 class rooms, there is a library room, auditorium, laboratory, lunch room and a private room for the teaching staff. The laboratory contains complete equipment for the study of chemistry and the auditorium is furnished with 200 new folding chairs.

The teachers and pupils are proud of the new building, which is one of the best in the County, and are enjoying the comfort and conveniences of a modern building after being overcrowded in the old school for the past several years.

It is expected that a concrete sidewalk and a new street will be constructed next spring to connect with present sidewalks and streets in the Town and driveways will be constructed within the school grounds.

The official opening of the new school has been planned for sometime in February.

CIVIC NOMINATION DAY SOON

Ratepayers will be called upon to elect a mayor, two councillors, one County school representative and one representative for the Bassano Hospital District this year in addition to voting on a plebiscite to authorize payments to councillors for attendance at council meetings.

OUR CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Communion - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School - 2:00 P.M.

Rector - Rev. G.B. Hotchkis.

BASSANO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday School - 10:30 A.M.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Pastor - Rev. Leon A. Tiede.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Minister - to be announced later.

LOCAL LADIES RE-ORGANIZE CURLING CLUB

A meeting of the Bassano Ladies Curling Club was held in the Town Hall on Monday night and plans for the 1957 season were discussed.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Joan Barron; Vice President, Mrs. Ed Walsh; Secretary, Mrs. Ronnie Brent.

It is planned to get the first draw under way this week-end.

ART SIMPSON WILL CURL IN CITY

A rink skipped by Art Simpson of Bassano will compete in the "Scotsman's Event" in Calgary next Saturday afternoon.

The rink will include the following curlers: Lead, Ronnie Brent; Second, Ralph Burrows; Third, Norm Dalsto and Art Simpson as skip.

TOWN TOPICS

Friends of Mrs. Moulton of Makepeace will be glad to know that she underwent a successful operation at the Holy Cross Hospital on Tuesday and is reported to be on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Moulton had been in the Bassano Hospital for several months before being taken to the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary.

Don't forget the big dance on Burn's Night, January 25th in the Bassano Hall. Music will be furnished by Vance and His Melodians. Everyone come and have a good time.

The Bassano merchants have decided to close their stores at six o'clock on Saturday nights from now until Spring. They wish to curl too!

The recent cold snap has discouraged the majority of motorists and there is no trouble to find a parking space on Main Street now.

Be sure to see the big picture at the Capitol Theatre in Bassano this week-end. It is Alfred Hitchcock's "THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH".

The Bassano Men's Curling Club is throwing rocks in all directions, having opened the new season on Monday.



"FOUR MILES NORTH, THEN WE TAKE THE OLD ROAD..."—Huddle of intent men is comprised of United Nations Emergency Force personnel, trying to map their path, uncertain in more ways than one. The map study session took place near Baluza, on the Sinai Peninsula. The international police force has been gradually replacing British and French forces in the Suez area, and has been moved into a buffer zone between Israeli and Egyptian troops on the peninsula itself.

Fishing for the hardest metal

Thirty Danish geologists have started an unusual "treasure hunt" between Scoresby Sound and Danmarkshavn, Eastern Greenland. They are searching under the ice for one of the world's costliest and hardest metals—molybdenum. Soon they hope to locate exploitable deposits.

This silvery white metal is of great value in the processing of steel used for jet motors. During the last war it was used in the making of armour-piercing shells.

Not until the first world war was its value as an alloy for producing super-hard metals fully realized, although research had revealed by 1900 that molybdenum strengthened steel.

A German metallurgist in that year heard that a Japanese sword-maker had, back in the year 1300, made wonderful blades "that could cut a man in two at one stroke."

Obtaining one of these ancient swords, he analysed it, and found that it was molybdenum that made the sword so superior to others.

An easy way to keep cracked eggs from leaking or deteriorating is to seal them with cellophane tape.

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Keep busy and live longer says "Diamond T" owner

The best way to describe Dr. Hugh L. Dixon, owner of the Diamond T Ranch, is that he is 70 years young and doesn't act a day over 50.

One of the good doctor's pet sayings, and believe me, he practices what he preaches, is, "always leave a couple of hours a night for sleeping. Sixteen hours a day of work is enough for any man." Dixon, with a twinkle in his eye, added, "never made any money in bed in my life."

Dr. Dixon was born in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, in 1886. He graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1910. In 1928 he was stricken with a bad heart attack and was flat on his back for an entire year. After leaving the hospital he resigned his position as Veterinarian Surgeon of the Dominion Health of Animals Division and went into cattle raising.

He purchased five ranches along Frenchman's creek which used to be the winter range of the old Turkey Track ranch. Tony Day moved up from Texas and started the Turkey Track in 1903. The original ranch house, which is still

being used, was built from cottonwood logs that were hauled all the way from Malta, Montana.

Dr. Hugh and his wife, Laura Anna, have four boys and two girls. The oldest boy is a jet pilot stationed in Germany, while the youngest boy is his father's right hand man out at the ranch.

Dr. Dixon is up every morning at 3 or 3.30 a.m., flipping flapjacks and frying eggs for the entire crew. He travels all over the country, going to conventions, rodeos, and fairs. It would be fair to say that in any far-away nook or cranny of the western states there would be someone to say, "sure I know Dr. Hugh Dixon." He is the oldest auxiliary member of the Montana Cattlemen's Association.

Dixon's Diamond T Ranch is situated 30 miles southeast of Val Marie, Saskatchewan. Little and Big Breed creeks and Frenchman's creek are the sources of water for the ranch.

It is a standard commercial breeding operation. They sell all the steer calves and cull the heifers, keeping the best for breeding purposes. They winter about 1,000 head of cattle which is about right for the size of the ranch.

They have a small herd of registered Herefords and recently purchased an English bull. Dixon's ultimate goal is to breed big rugged critters with lots of bone.

Right now he is experimenting with his commercial herd by using Angus bulls on Hereford yearling heifers in order to get smaller calves.

The Diamond T menagerie also includes a fine herd of quarter horses which they have vaccinated for encephalomyelitis every year.

When asked if there was any suggestion or thought that seemed to stand out more than the others from his many years of experience on the range, Dr. Hugh emphatically stated, "yes by all means, don't overgraze, keep enough out so you can see one year ahead. A bad year may hit and you'll lose everything."—The Cutter Standard

Mouse trap electrocutes

The latest mouse trap that electrocutes up to five mice at once, consists of a plastic dome-shaped cage, reports The Financial Post. The inside floor and walls have been sprayed with a thin, electrically conductive zinc film. When the cord is plugged into a circuit, the interior of the cage is connected to one current pole, the floor surface to another.

The mouse crawls into a hole in the top of the cage seeking bait placed inside and, standing on the floor, he soon touches a wall with his tail or nose, thus completing the circuit. Only the interior conducts electricity, so its said to be safer for children and pets than conventional traps and poison. No need to touch the dead animals—they can be dumped out.

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Strictly Fresh

People who think they're open-minded because they say that every question has two sides are not open-minded on the question of whether or not every question has two sides.

Ground: What groundhogs live in; sandhogs work in and roadhogs are buried in.

"Then there's the fellow who insisted on playing his tuba in the shower, and drowned in the middle of the C."

Rule of thumb: Housewife with a push-button kitchen.

Duck is what a hunter shoots at but often ends up dead as because he forgot to.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

POPULARITY

That empty and ugly thing called popularity. —R. L. Stevenson. Popularity—what is it? A mere mendicant that boasts and begs, and God denies charity.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

True popularity is not the popularity which is followed after, but the popularity which follows after.

—Lord Mansfield.

The most exhausting thing in life, I have discovered, is being insincere. That is why so much of social life is exhausting; one is wearing a mask.

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

The truly illustrious are they who do not court the praise of the world, but perform the actions which deserve it.

—George Henry Tilton.

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1 c. lightly-packed brown sugar

½ c. granulated sugar

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2 well-beaten eggs

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Combine

¾ c. milk

½ tsp. vanilla

Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture alternately with milk, combining after each addition. Turn into 2 greased 8-inch round cake pans, lined in bottom with greased waxed paper. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375°, 25 to 30 minutes. Put layers of cold cake together with thick raspberry jam between and cover with a coffee-flavored frosting.

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The Editor,
The Bassano Herald.

Having been a patient in the Bassano Hospital during the Christmas season just past, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to everyone connected with the hospital for a Christmas that will be well remembered. The special care given by Dr. Mason, the nurses who do such a wonderful job of nursing, the cook and the kitchen staff who prepare such lovely meals (especially on Christmas Day) and the girls who so cheerfully brought the trays of food. To the Matron, Mrs. Hislop, who so generously overlooked the time when visitors arrived at odd hours because it was "so near Christmas". To Mr. Edwards who brightens a patient's day with his cheerful remarks. To all I wish to say a hearty thank you and wish you all personally a Happy and Blessed New Year.

May the new hospital be as much of a blessing to it's surroundings as the old one has been all these years and may the friendliness of the present hospital be carried over by it's doctors, nurses, personnel and staff to it's new surroundings.

Rev. A.J. Paetkau, Gen, Alberta.

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The J.R. Clark Family.

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For the floral tributes and acts of kindness during the illness and death of our uncle, Stone Roberts, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to one and all.

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The Sports Clinic

(An official department of the Canadian Amateur Sport and Physical Fitness Development Service)
By Lloyd Percival

Face off tricks

Here are some tricks you can use next time you are called on to take a face off. If you're a center or a defenseman, we suggest you practise them regularly until you have mastered the knack.

1. As the puck is dropped, quickly slap your stick against your opponent's to knock it away from the puck, and then sweep the puck back with the same motion. Aim at a spot on the shaft of his stick about six inches from the blade, and use the blade of your stick to do the job.

2. As the puck is dropped, move the blade of your stick quickly forward and then turn it towards the side (to the left, if left-handed). Then pull the blade quickly backwards, hooking the puck as you do.

3. Block the opposing center's stick by quickly placing the blade of your stick between his stick and the puck. Keep a tight grip and lean on your stick to make it hard to move. When his stick is stopped, suddenly flip the puck back.

4. If your opponent is slapping at your stick, try lifting your stick quickly and then going for the puck when he misses your stick.

Remember, you'll get best results when you play your opponent's stick and then go for the puck. But mix your tricks up, so that the opposing center is never sure which one is coming next.

A shooting tip

Tests have shown that when shooting baskets, your scoring percentage will be higher if you have a definite target. Many players just draw a bead on the whole basket, and hope the ball will go

in. Make sure that you pick the best target—set your eyes on the front rim of the basket before, during and after the shot, and watch your accuracy improve.

Remember this tip, too: Whenever you get the ball in good scoring position, shoot! Many players waste chances by standing around waiting for a better one. Get your shot away, and follow it in for the rebound.

Quick Canadian Quiz

1. Which of the four Atlantic provinces has the greatest population? Which of the three prairie provinces?
2. The total number of Canadians under 15 years of age is 2 million, 4 million, 5 million?
3. About two-thirds of all Canadians are now urban dwellers. What has been the principal factor in shifting population from rural to urban localities?
4. Fifty years ago Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen completed what famous Canadian sea voyage?
5. Personal income taxes account for what proportion of the federal government's total tax revenues?

ANSWERS TO QUICK QUIZ

5. Less than one-quarter. 3. The growth of the manufacturing industry. 1. Of the Atlantic provinces, Nova Scotia; of the prairie provinces, Alberta. 4. First voyage through the North West Passage. 2. 5 million.

NEEDED — A SKYHOOK

A painter's assistant, not hired because of his brilliant mind, approached the painter hard at work on the ceiling. "Hey, boss, have you got a good hold on that brush?"

"I think so. Why?"

"Well, hang on tight—I'm gonna move this ladder."

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Stringed Instrument

- HORIZONTAL**
1 Depicted musical instrument
6 It has four

- 13 Mistake
14 Food element
15 Ship's record
16 Sign of zodiac
18 Malt drink
19 An
20 Skeleton parts
21 Golf term
22 Tellurium
(symbol)
23 Area measure
24 Revise
27 Boys
29 Down
30 Silver
(symbol)
31 Hebrew deity
32 Pronoun
33 Container
35 Rim
38 It is used —
orchestras
39 Egyptian sun god
40 Peculiar
42 Run away to marry
47 Roman bronze
48 Falsehood
49 Pants
50 Rodent
51 Slanting type
(pl.)
53 Get up
55 Portia's maid
56 Beneath

- VERTICAL**
1 Velled
2 Pressed
3 Revelry
4 Behold!
5 Nomad
6 Whirl
7 Woody plant
8 Flag-maker
9 Pronoun
10 Tidy
11 Biblical mountain
12 Scoffs
17 Artificial language
25 Notion
26 Relate
27 Crippled
28 Old
33 It is also called an alto
43 Varnish ingredients
44 Greek mountain
45 Pages (ab.)
46 Biblical name
47 Dry
52 Chinese weight
54 Registered nurse (ab.)



Here's the Answer

Ticklers

By George



"Have you ever had a crazy, mixed-up, don't-know-where-to-begin feeling?"

Funny and Otherwise

A certain storekeeper reported a fire in his establishment the very day he signed a new fire insurance policy. The company suspected fraud, but had no proof. The only thing the manager could do was to write the policy-holder the following note:

Sir: You took out an insurance policy from us at 10:00 a.m. and your fire did not break out until 3:30 p.m. Will you kindly explain the delay?"

O'Leary's wife awoke in the middle of the night to hear her husband creeping about in the kitchen.

"What might ye be looking for, darling?" she called out.

"Nothing," called back O'Leary. "Just nothing."

"Oh!" said his wife cheerfully. "Then you'll find it in the bottle where the whisky used to be."

A worried lady entered a department store and bought two packages of invisible hairpins.

Woman: "Are you absolutely certain these are invisible?"

Clerk: "Lady, I'll tell you how invisible they are. I've sold \$4.00 worth this morning, and we've been out of them for three weeks."

Teacher: "Now, Willie, if James gave you a dog and David gave you a dog, how many would you have?"

Willie: "Four."

Teacher: "Now, Willie, think hard. Would you have four dogs if James gave you one and David gave you one?"

Willie: "Yep. You see, I already got two dogs."

The common toad molts or sheds its outer skin several times a year. After molting it swallows its skin.



RIVETS

By George Sixta



OBSEQUIES FOR KAY CLARK

Funeral services for Katherine Loretta Clark, aged 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Clark of Bassano, was held on Saturday, January 5th in the Knox Presbyterian Church with Rev. Morrison of Gleichen officiating.

Miss Clark received her public and high school education at the Bassano School and, at the time of her tragic death, was employed on the clerical staff of the Indian Hospital at Gleichen.

Besides her parents she is survived by one sister, Jean, and two brothers, Doug and Ray.

Six of her school chums acted as pallbearers, Joel Bulger, Byron Lassiter, Campbell McCallum, Bernard Moss, Wallace Flanagan and Bart Rockwell. Interment was in the Mountview Memorial Gardens and the Smith Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements.

OUR HOSPITAL

BY S.H. EDWARDS

As usual at this time of the year the records of the operation of our hospital for the past year are being tabulated. The final financial result has not yet been reached but from all appearances it will be a satisfactory one. We still have a little money in the bank and do not owe anything that cannot be paid for out of current revenue.

During the year 1956 our hospital treated 757 bed patients in addition to 338 out-patients. Sixty five babies first saw the light of day during 1956 in our hospital - there were 66 in 1955.

In addition to the actual treatment of patients, the accomplishments of the administration have not been trivial; the planning of the new hospital building has reached the point where only the trimmings have to be put on and the voice of the ratepayers was heard in the vote taken on December 15th in a most satisfactory manner. Negotiations with the Provincial Government are now being made for the financing of the bond issue.

The result of the voting was not the only way in which the ratepayers of this hospital district have shown their whole hearted support of the project for a new building. One of the ratepayer owners has proposed that a fund be established for the use of the Hospital Board in furnishing and equipping the new building. In making the proposal the L.K. Ranches also made a substantial donation to start the fund. A cordial invitation is given to any person or corporation to make a donation of any amount to this fund. The name of the donor will be acknowledged in the press without any mention of the amount given.

It has been suggested that some sort of permanent memorial be placed in the new building so that the oncoming generations will have some idea of the interest taken in our hospital by the people that it serves. It is agreed that the Board will not dispose of the fund until the approval of the donors has been obtained. We do think that the proposal is a good one and worthy of the serious consideration of anyone who has the urge to make a charitable donation to a good cause. The Board has accepted the idea with gratitude.

FIREMEN STILL ON STRIKE

The strike of 2,700 C.P.R. firemen has now caused the lay-off of nearly 100,000 industrial and railway employees and the toll of unemployed is mounting each day that the strike continues.

The new session of Parliament opened at Ottawa but only a passing mention of the strike was made in the Speech from the Throne. When asked what steps the government intended to take, Prime Minister St. Laurent was non-committal. It is evident that the government intends to be cautious, hoping that the union will make a settlement.

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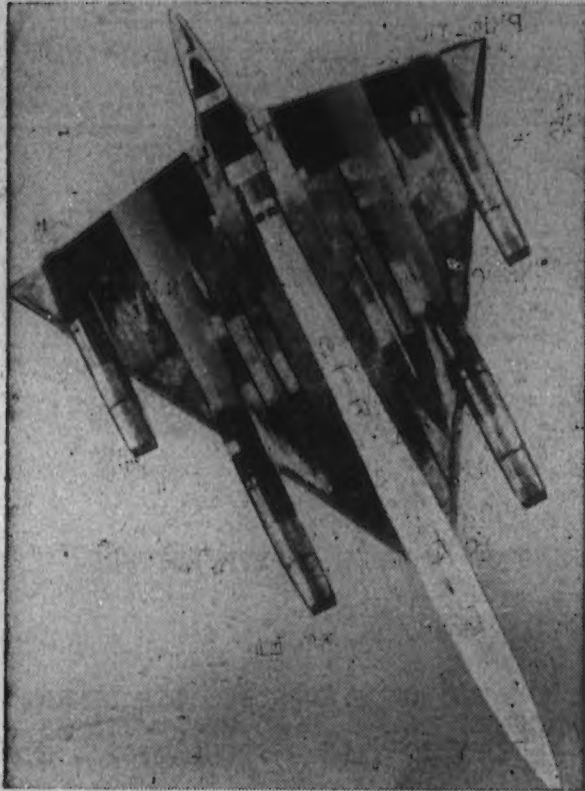
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World Happenings In Pictures



B58 HUSTLER—The new U.S. Air Force B58 Hustler, successor to the B47 medium jet bomber, shows its delta wing and elongated engine nacelles as it noses up in a test flight near Fort Worth, Texas. The plane, 95 feet long with a 55-foot wing span, is capable of super-sonic speeds carrying crew of three.



PIPE THIS PIPE—With a pipe fashioned from a calabash, this dreamy-eyed Baluba native enjoys a casual smoke. By rolling tobacco cigarette-fashion and pushing it into a small tube in the end of the fruit, the Belgian Congo natives transform the calabash into a highly serviceable pipe.



PATTI TO WED DANCE DIRECTOR — Singer Patti Page, of Radio TV fame, and dance director Charles O'Curran, were married in Las Vegas on Friday, December 28. It will be the first time for Patti. O'Curran was the former husband of Betty Hutton.



BACK TO MOTHER—Tanya Chwastov, 2½, who touched off an international tug-of-war two months ago, is held in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Elena Diaczok, of Detroit, Mich., as they come down ramp of plane that brought them from England to New York. Last October, Tanya's Russian-born father tried to take the child, but English authorities took custody of the girl. A court gave the child back to her mother.



MAN TRAP—Bachelors beware! Tread ever so lightly on this snare and voom!—13 jagged teeth spring into your leg, rendering you helpless in the face of husband-hunters. The fiendish device, being pondered over by Chris Cominel in New York City, was once used to ensnare poachers on an English estate.



A RUSSIAN TANK CREW looks down from the turret of their tank during a patrol of a Budapest street after Hungarian workers called a strike in protest against arrest of labor leaders.



ANYONE FOR WRITER'S CRAMP?—Fay Imhoff, official calligrapher for the Inaugural Ball Committee in Washington, D.C., is being kept busy inscribing and addressing 7,500 invitations to the four Washington inaugural balls in January. She's holding Vice President Nixon's invitation in her left hand, while before her on the desk is one addressed to President Eisenhower.



WELCOME CYMBALS—Clashing a salute to the emperor, a stiff army bandsman punctuates the playing of the National Anthem in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The band helped provide a big welcome for Emperor Haile Selassie on his return from state visits to India and Japan.



BOO!—This fierce-looking monster isn't as big as he seems. He's a collared lizard from the southwestern United States, and he measures only six inches from stem to stern. This bigger-than-life shot was made with a close-up camera at New York's Bronx Zoo.